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Subject: RE: ACP not good for NC

Good Morning Ms. Stephenson,

Thank you for contacting Governor Cooper's Office. We appreciate you taking the time to voice your concerns about the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Your information and electronic mail have been documented for further review and consideration. Please let us know if you have any other requests or concerns.

Kind Regards,

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Governor Cooper,

I am a landowner whose fields in Johnston County are going to be split in half by the proposed ACP pipeline, thereby stopping my plans for the land. This is a personal problem for myself and my family and our future. Around 200 other landowners in Johnston County share this same or similar plight. However, the destructive effects of this pipeline are not limited to us or even to all the counties involved.

All of North Carolina and even our world will suffer when methane leakage (all pipelines leak) contributes more to global warming than do coal-powered electricity plants. Allowed leakage rate regulations have been weakened from 2% or 3% up to 7% or greater.

The water supply for all of eastern North Carolina would suffer negative impacts from a pipeline crossing every stream, river, and wetland in the ACP path from Virginia down to Pembroke. Besides the initial disturbances of ecological communities and destruction of wildlife and erosion issues, there may be on-going chemical leakages and potential ruptures from flooding (such as hurricane Matthew). Flooding issues were not even studied in FERC's environmental impact statement!

Also, not considered in FERC's environmental impact statement is the impact of the pipeline on climate. Generally, FERC concluded that the pipeline will cause minimal damage that can be mitigated, implying that they plan to approve the pipeline for construction in a few weeks.

The ACP pipeline can be halted by the state's refusal of a water quality permit. I am appealing to you look at this project very, very carefully and scientifically evaluate the damage it will bring to North Carolina. There is precedent for denial: West Virginia recently disapproved water quality permits for the Mountain Valley pipeline because effects on climate had not been presented.

The ACP proposal is an investment deal of a private, for-profit corporation, established to exist for a couple of decades, but whose plan is to use existing rights of eminent domain for utilities (granted by the federal

government) to secure easements for a private venture. Duke Power will cover its construction costs through rate hikes to customers. There is little real risk for the private companies involved, but the costs and risks to North Carolinians will be long-lasting and devastating.

There are many North Carolinians living within the 1100-foot blast zone of the pipeline, and most of them are unaware of the route or of the fact that throughout the nation pipeline accidents are occurring at increasing frequency, especially in new pipes. Only landowners whose property is being cut have been notified by ACP.

Because ACP is allowed to use thinner, cheaper pipe for rural areas, NC will be stuck with inferior pipe that is inspected less often and is more dangerous in the event of an explosion. Few have raised the issue that this lower-grade pipe may set limits for future development near the pipeline. In other areas nationwide, zoning laws have been changed to accommodate pipeline regulations, not vice versa.

ACP touts economic development, but the pipeline is a transmission line only. It is not for distribution of gas to customers along the way (unless a customer has \$5-8 million for a tap-on). It is readily admitted that only about 18 permanent jobs will be forthcoming. And the huge property taxes promised will decline to zero in just a few years as equipment in the ground depreciates.

Thank you and your DEQ staff for the hearings you have held and for listening to views and facts from those who know and who are so concerned about our future environment.

I hope you and your environmental scientists will see the ACP for what it is -- a potential disaster for North Carolina -- and opt to disapprove the water quality permits requested by ACP.

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